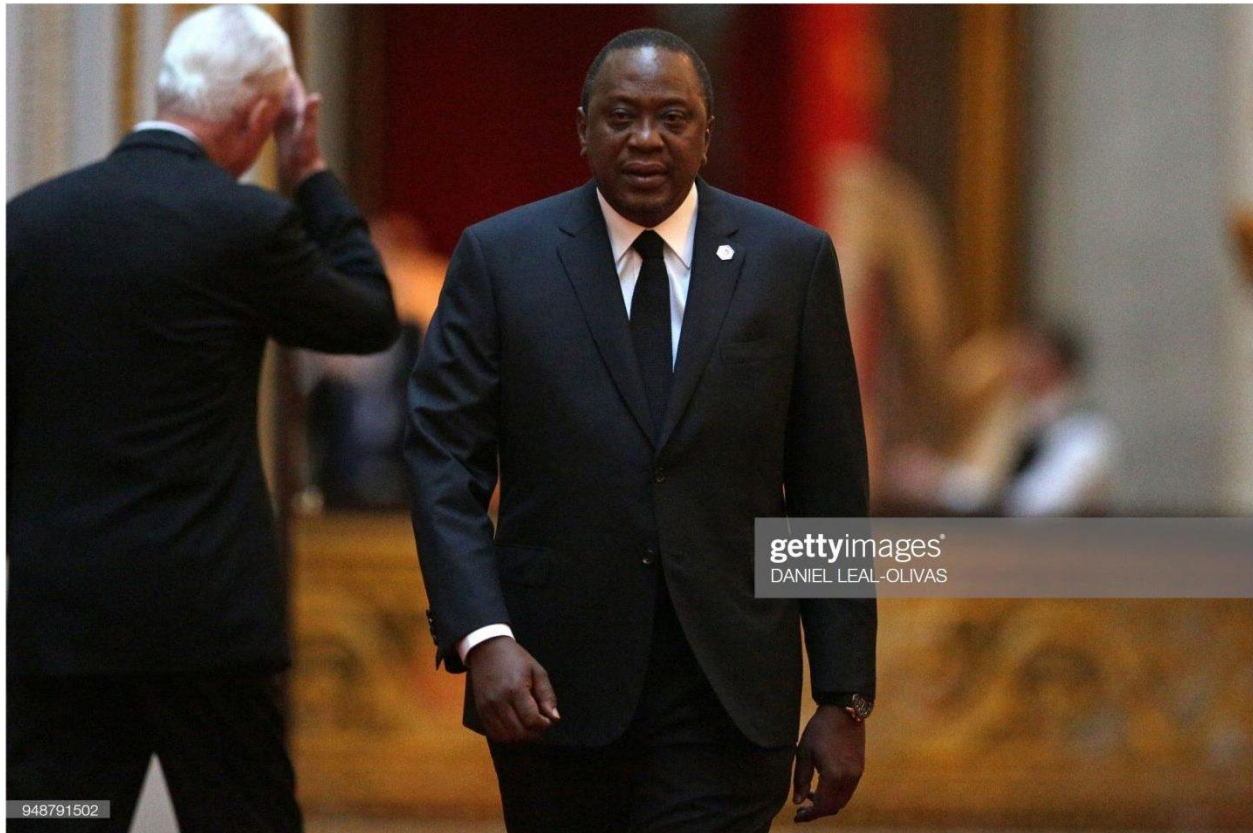


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# Is the Democratic Republic of Kenya Aiding & Abetting a Documented, Brutal Somali War Criminal?

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*Ironically, Kenya is passionately seeking to administer world peace with election to United Nations Security Council (UNSC), yet on February 3, 2020, **Amnesty International** called for Kenya to administer peace in its own neighborhood by returning to Somalia Authorities documented, brutal War Criminal, Abdirashid Janan.*

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Amnesty International's Deputy Director for East Africa, the Horn and the Great Lakes, Seif Magango and a current Member of Kenya's Parliament and former Deputy Governor of Mandera, MP Mohamed Omar Maalim have both on the record with unambiguous clarity signaled the whereabouts of documented, war criminal Abdirashid Janan: Kenya. MP Omar Maalim went so far as to insinuate that the Kenyan Government is harboring the documented, war criminal Abdirashid Janan, asking what his Kenyan Government could possibly gain from "protecting a wanted criminal." [The Daily Nation, Kenya] According to MP Maalim, documented war criminal Abdirashid Janan is still in operational control of his troops within the sovereign territory of the Republic of Kenya. Amnesty International's Deputy Director Magango stated that "Kenya must arrest and return escaped Jubaland minister to face trial in Mogadishu."

One of the hallmarks of our current rules-based international order is its saintly preoccupation with capturing and bringing to justice, documented or known war criminals. His name is now very familiar to both historians and laymen: Adolf Eichmann. Convicted war criminal Eichmann, besides sharing a first name with Hitler, shared and implemented in large scale Hitler's satanic vision of exterminating the Jewish people from Europe and then from existence altogether.

Convicted war criminal Eichmann was the architect of the 'Final Solution to the Jewish Question,' the detailed conversion of Hitler's satanic vision to exterminate Jews into an unfathomable, genocidal operation and machine. The 'Final Solution' was the official Nazi code name for the killing and extermination of all Jews within reach. Eichmann was personally tasked with envisioning the logistics required to deport and murder millions of Jewish people - if not all Jews - into ghettos and extermination camps in War World II. At the end of the war, Eichmann, Hitler and company, murdered 6 million innocent Jewish children, adults and whole families – wiping from existence 90% of Polish Jews, and two-thirds of all European Jews. Then Eichmann escaped, a brutal war criminal turned fugitive.

With forged identification papers branding him as 'Ricardo Klement,' Eichmann arrived in Buenos Aires, Argentina on July 15, 1950. In 1954, 66 years from the date of this article's publication, passionate advocate for justice and sustainable peace and Holocaust survivor Simon Wiesenthal passed the last critical information to the Government of Israel, which led to the eventual arrest, and conviction of documented, brutal Nazi war criminal Adolf Eichmann. Unfortunately, 66 years later violence is still a mainstay of human life, and war criminals are still looming large as fugitives.

In their 2016 and 2017 reports, the United Nations Somalia and Eritrea Monitoring Group (SEMG) accused Abdirashid Hassan Abdinur 'Janan' of horrific war crimes against humanity committed in Jubaland region of Somalia. As the Minister of Security under the Jubaland State of Somalia leadership of Ahmed 'Madobe' Mohamed Islam, Security Minister Abdirashid Janan according to the UN Somalia and Eritrea Monitoring Group committed vicious acts against humanity that included the killing, torture, illegal rendition and unlawful detention of innocent, lawful Somali citizens in 2014 and 2017, and "of conduct constituting obstruction of humanitarian assistance between 2014 and 2017." Abdirashid Janan was apprehended on August 31, 2019 in Mogadishu International Airport by Federal Government of Somalia authorities and arrested for war crimes against humanity.

Amnesty International's Deputy Director for East Africa, the Horn and the Great Lakes, Seif Magango said on September 2, 2019 regarding the arrest of Abdirashid Janan by Federal Government of Somalia:

*"The arrest of Abdirashid Janan is a significant step towards accountability for the serious human rights violations committed with impunity for years by powerful individuals in Somalia. Abdirashid Janan is accused by the UN Somalia and Eritrea Monitoring Group of horrific crimes including killings, torture, unlawful detention and illegal rendition. The authorities [Federal Government of Somalia] must immediately bring him before a civilian court to face trial in accordance with international fair trial standards."*

On January 28, 2020, documented, brutal war criminal Abdirashid Janan escaped from Federal Government of Somalia authorities. In its reporting, Amnesty International with stern clarity informed the world that documented, brutal Somali war criminal was in Kenya. On February 3, 2020, Amnesty International further informed the international community that, "Kenya must arrest and return escaped Jubaland minister to face trial in Mogadishu."

Amnesty International's Deputy Director for East Africa, the Horn and the Great Lakes, Seif Magango said on Feb. 3rd, 2020:

*"It is unconscionable that Abdirashid Janan, who is suspected of responsibility for crimes under international law and other serious human rights violations, has evaded attempts to bring him to justice. Kenyan authorities must immediately arrest and hand him over to the Federal Government of Somalia...without any further delays...Abdirashid's escape has left many victims of his alleged crimes, including killing of civilians and obstruction of humanitarian aid doubtful as to whether they would ever get justice."*

Kenyan Member of Parliament, MP Mohamed Omar Maalim representing Mandera East made the following remarks regarding the whereabouts of the documented, war criminal Abdirashid Janan:

*"I don't know how our government is benefiting from protecting a wanted criminal. Let the criminal be arrested and handed over or be kicked out of Mandera town for peace to prevail. I am aware the fugitive minister and his troops now operate from three hotels in Mandera town. The national government has to [clarify] this and how Mandera is benefiting as we are crumbling, with education in crisis."*[The Daily Nation, Kenya]

Abdirashid Janan committed all his horrific crimes against humanity as Minister of Security for Jubaland State leader Ahmed 'Madobe.' The war crimes of Janan are well-documented by very credible international sources. The logical question begging to be answered is: Did Ahmed 'Madobe' order his Security Minister to commit such crimes or was he unaware? Assume for argument's sake the Security Minister Janan acted with Ahmed 'Madobe' not knowing, then why did Ahmed 'Madobe' not immediately arrest and hand his Security Minister to face justice with the publication of Abdirashid Janan's war crimes and other crimes against humanity in the UN Somalia and Eritrea Monitoring Group

report in 2016 and 2017. Why was Ahmed 'Madobe' and his administration constantly seeking the freedom of a documented war criminal? According to Amnesty International, three days after documented war criminal Abdirashid Janan escaped Federal Government of Somalia's custody, "the chief of staff in the Office of the President of Jubaland, Abshir Mohamed, announced on Twitter that Abdirashid [Janan] was 'safely back home in Kismayo'"

Ahmed 'Madobe' and his administration's actions make them compliant if not complicit in the documented crimes against humanity committed by Ahmed 'Madobe' Security Minister Abdirashid Janan.

The United Nations & its Security Council was established with a meeting between the 'Allied Big Four' (United States, Great Britain, Soviet Union and China) of World War II, at the Dumbarton Oaks Conference in Fall 1944 for the specific purpose, amongst other laudatory objectives, of stopping future wars and cementing sustainable peace throughout the world. In the wake of the establishment of the UN and UNSC, bringing to justice documented or known war criminals became an important function of the new rules-based international post-World War II order.

The Republic of Kenya, with a democratic form of governance, is seeking to be elected in June 2020 to the African Group non-permanent seat of the United Nations Security Council for the term 2021-2022. Does Kenya being on the UNSC, while according to Amnesty International of yet not returning to the rightful authorities the documented, war criminal Abdirashid Janan de-legitimize the UNSC in the eyes of the victims and family members of war criminals throughout the world?

Article 1.1 of the United Nations Charter reads:

*"The Purposes of the United Nations are:*

*1. To maintain international peace and security, and to that end: to take effective collective measures for the prevention and removal of threats to the peace, and for the suppression of acts of aggression or other breaches of the peace, and to bring about by peaceful means, and in conformity with the principles of justice and international law, adjustment or settlement of international disputes or situations which might lead to a breach of the peace"*

It is very ironic that Kenya is seeking to administer world peace with a seat on the UNSC, while Amnesty International calls for it to administer peace in its own neighborhood. Let us support protecting the legitimacy of the United Nations Security Council in the eyes of the victims of war crimes and other crimes against humanity.